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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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New York, NY 10007-1866

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**Re: Passaic River Study Area**  
**Request for Information Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §9601, et seq.**

Dear Ms. Reddy:

This firm represents The Newark Group, Inc., formerly known as Newark Boxboard Co., ("The Newark Group"). On April 30, 2003, The Newark Group responded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's CERCLA 104(e) Request for Information regarding the Lower Passaic River Site of the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site in New Jersey. Subsequent to the submittal, additional relevant information was discovered. The Newark Group now submits a revised response to Question # 6 pursuant to its obligations under the information request. Modifications to the April 2003 response are in bold italics.

- 6) (a) For process waste waters generated at the facility which contained any hazardous substances, including, but not limited to, the substances listed in response to items (3) and (4):

- (i) Where was the waste water discharged and during what years?

During the Company's ownership of the Subject Facility (1968 to present), manufacturing process wastewater has been discharged to the PVSC (sanitary sewer). The Subject Facility is in compliance with its PVSC Permit.

From 1968 to approximately 1980, the Subject Facility discharged non-contact cooling water, ***process wash down water*** and boiler blow down wastewater to the Morris Canal storm sewer line located on Blanchard Street at a rate of approximately 1000 gallons a day. Cooling water was drawn from a groundwater production well at the Subject Facility and was also purchased from the City of Newark. This water was used to cool process liquids; no intermingling of the cooling

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and process waters occurred. *Process wash down water was the water used to wash the floor underneath the paper machine. The Newark Group has no information regarding the chemical composition of these waters.* Upon information and belief, the Morris Canal storm sewer ultimately discharged into the Passaic River at the Lockwood Street outfall.

In approximately 1980, the Subject Facility repiped the cooling water, *process wash down water* and boiler blow down to discontinue its discharge to the Morris Canal storm sewer. These waters were discharged to the PVSC. Currently the connection to the storm sewer is sealed.

(b) For floor drains or other disposal drains at the facility:

(i) Did the drains connect to a sanitary sewer and if so, during what years?

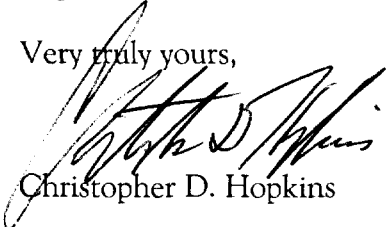
Floor drains in collection areas and process areas return excess water to a central collection tank where it is re-used in the papermaking process. Excess water that is not reused is discharged to the PVSC.

(ii) If the floor drains or other disposal drains at the facility were not discharged to the sanitary sewer, where did they discharge and during what years?

*From 1968 to approximately 1980, the Subject Facility discharged process wash down water to the Morris Canal storm sewer through one drain located underneath the dry end of the paper machine. In approximately 1980, the drain's connection to the storm sewer was sealed. See Response to Question 6(a)(i) above.*

The Newark Group reserves the right to supplement its response further should any additional responsive information be discovered.

Very truly yours,

  
Christopher D. Hopkins

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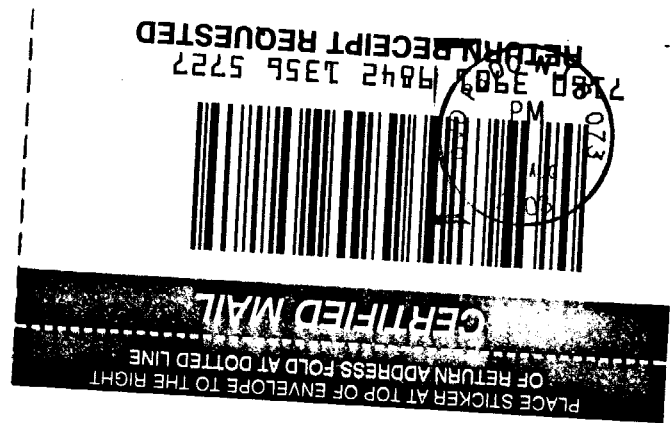
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